

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are presently active.

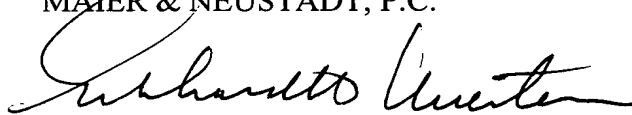
In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 15-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-14 were allowed.

Regarding the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection of Claims 15-20, Applicant respectfully traverses the outstanding grounds for rejection. The plurality of word lines recited in Claim 15 and 19 include portions serving as gate electrodes. Namely, the word lines recited in Claim 15 and 19 transmit signals to the gate electrodes and also themselves function as the gate electrodes.

Consequently, in light of the above discussions, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 15-20. The application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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